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Employee Benefits Security Administration
Washington, D.C. 20210



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Dear Ms. Lipton:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request number **F2019-875982** addressed to the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL). Your request was assigned to the Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) for response. You requested funding levels, staffing plans and activities of the EBSA FOIA office.

EBSA has completed its search in the National Office and no records were found responsive to your request. Please note that EBSA does not have a "FOIA Office." The Disclosure Officers and FOIA Coordinators are not specific job titles within EBSA. FOIA responsibilities are collateral duties among many that some staff perform some of the time. Therefore, we have no staffing or budget documents specifically for FOIA. However, the Department of Labor's Annual FOIA report and listings of FOIA Coordinators including their contact information is posted on the DOL Website, <https://www.dol.gov/general/foia>

If you would like to discuss any aspect of your request please do not hesitate to contact EBSA's FOIA Coordinator, Kathy Hoover at hoover.kathy@dol.gov or the DOL FOIA Public Liaison, Thomas Hicks, at 202-693-5427 or by email at hicks.thomas@dol.gov.

You may administratively appeal by writing to the Solicitor of Labor within 90 days from the date of this letter if you are not satisfied with the response to this request. The appeal must state in writing the grounds for the appeal, and it may include any supporting statements or arguments, but such statements are not required. In order to facilitate processing of the appeal, please include your mailing address and daytime telephone number, as well as a copy of the initial request and copy of this letter. The envelope and letter of the appeal should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Any amendment to the appeal must be made in writing and received prior to a decision. The appeal should be addressed to the Solicitor of Labor, Division of Management and Administrative Legal Services, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N2420, Washington, DC 20210. Appeals may also be submitted by email to foiaappeal@dol.gov. Appeals submitted to any other email address will not be accepted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark B. Connor".

Mark B. Connor
Director, Office of Outreach, Education and Assistance